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Foundations have been laid for the new Saint Leo Post Office, due to be opened in June of this year.

## Saint Leo To Get New Post Office

On Monday, February 1, ground-breaking ceremonies were conducted behind Saint Edward Hall for the construction of a new Post Office. The new structure is expected to be completed sometime in June of this year. The building, when completed, will cost approximately ninety-four thousand dollars.

It will house close to fifteen hundred boxes, compared to only one thousand boxes in the Post Office in McDonald Center. This will allow each student to have his own individual mailbox.

According to Mr. Christmas, Saint Leo Postmaster, the reason for moving the Post Office to a new building is largely due to insufficient room in the existing Post Office. Also, lack of facilities does not provide for an adequate handling of Saint Leo's increasing mail volume.

In a press release a few months ago, U.S. Postmaster General Winton B. Blout, announced that the Post Office Department is seeking to improve the building and operation of the existing Post Office at Saint Leo, Florida. Shortly after that press release, the Postmaster General gave the go-ahead for a new Post Office here at Saint Leo.

The building will be funded by the Contractor, a Mr. Austin of Austin Construction Company. Mr. Austin will then lease the building to the Government to be used as a Post Office.

The land on which the new Post Office is being built was obtained by Austin under a 50-year land lease issued by the College.

At this time, it is uncertain what use will be made of the present Post Office when it is vacated. Some reports indicate that the space will be utilized by either a lounge or food concession.

## Freshmen Parents Weekend Approaches

Parents of Freshmen will soon converge on campus for Saint Leo's annual Freshman Parents Weekend. Plans and details for the event were recently released by Mr. Allan J. Powers, Vice President for Development and Public Relations.

Many of the activities are hosted or aided by students from several Clubs and Fraternities.

The scheduled events run from Thursday, February 25, to Sunday, the 28th.

One of the new tours available this year is one through Lykes-Pasco Packing Plant in Dade City, usually closed to spectators. In the past, many parents have expressed an interest in viewing the operations, but were unable.

Other tours will take parents to Busch Gardens, Tampa; Pioneer Florida Museum, Dade City; and Cypress Gardens, Winter Haven.

The National and several State Parents Associations and their officers have been busy this past year and have been devoting much time for the benefit of the students. This year, Mr. Charles F. Eason of Maryland was selected National Chairman of the organization, replacing Mr. Alfred P. Franz, who has served the Alumni-Parents Association immensely. Mr. Franz' daughter graduates this April.

The Parents Association will meet for a Buffet Luncheon the 26th, Friday.

A few other major events are mentioned below.

Students and Parents are welcome to meet the faculty and administration with a welcome by the President, Thursday night.

Students who made the "Dean's List" last semester will be honored at a Scholarship Convocation in the Abbey Church, Friday.

Three baseball games are planned for the weekend, at Massey Field in Dade City, against Biscayne College – one, Friday afternoon, and a double-header, Saturday afternoon.

One of the highlights of the weekend is the President's Ball, Saturday night at 9 p.m., preceeded by the Parents son/daughter banquet and President's reception in McDonald Center.

The culmination of the weekend ends on a reflective note, with Mass at 11 a.m. in the Abbey Church.

In addition to the varied range of scheduled events, from a shrimp-a-thon to tray luncheons, parents and students are also welcome to participate in any activity of interest to them whether it be appointments with the faculty, attending classes together, golf, tennis, swimming (yes, swimming outdoors for our parents subscription readers), bowling or Mass.

### *Off-Campus Policy Amended*

In a resolution on January 21, 1971, the Board of Trustees Committee on Student Affairs requested that the Board of Trustees of Saint Leo College consider a recommendation to amend the present policy on off-campus living.

The proposal states:

"Seniors and students who are twenty-one years of age may live off campus. Seniors who are not twenty-one years of age and whose parents pay the bills, shall submit to the Dean of Student Affairs a letter from the parents stating: (1) that the student has parental permission to live off campus; and (2) that the parents assume full responsibility for the student."

The proposal was approved by the Board of Trustees on January 29 and is to become effective on September 1, 1971.

The Board of Trustees Committee on Student Affairs is chaired by Trustee Arthur H. Schrader, Jr.

The reason for a distinction between upper-class and freshman parents weekends is the closer communication that a smaller group would allow, considering that there are over 400 freshmen alone.

### MICHAEL C. SAYERS

**Wednesday morning, February 10, 1971, Michael C. Sayers, a student at Saint Leo College, was fatally injured in a tragic motor vehicle accident in San Antonio.**

**He had been living in San Antonio since September.**

**Michael, 21, was a junior at the College, majoring in Sociology. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sexton Sayers of Marion, Virginia.**

**He is survived by his family and his wife, Mrs. Gail (Peery) Sayers, of San Antonio.**

**A requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Abbey Church, Thursday, February 11, at 4:00 p.m., requested by the Student Government Association.**

**At the time of this printing, funeral arrangements had not been announced. We mourn his passing.**

## S.G.A. Sponsors Faculty Evaluation

All students of Saint Leo College are *urged* to participate in the Student Government Association Faculty Evaluation.

The official evaluation forms were issued to all resident students by their respective floor directors on Tuesday, February 9. Day Students are to pick up their forms in the Day Student Lounge of the Student Affairs Complex in Saint Edward Hall.

All evaluation forms are due to be received no later than February 16 by either the student's respective floor director or directly to the Office of Student Government.

The results of the faculty evaluation will be published in the next issue of *The Lion*.

S.G.A.'s Faculty Evaluation is the product of a Student Senate Committee headed by Lisa Murphy. The committee also included worthy contributions by Father Mark Toon, O.S.B., Mrs. Margaret Gappa, Angelo Zingales and Charles Eason.

According to Miss Murphy, the objectives of the Faculty Evaluation are: "to let the teachers know how they are viewed by their students; to let teachers see where they need to improve in hopes that they will do so; and to acquaint students who have not had a teacher with the teacher so that they may decide whether or not to choose a teacher of a course."

This, being the latest major endeavor of Student Government, succeeds in realizing what has long been a goal of the Student Government Association.

Displeased with the general questions of "form evaluations" issued by various national educational organizations, S.G.A. has produced a Faculty Evaluation form that is more particular to situations as they exist here at Saint Leo College.

However, the recent format includes the careful consideration and study of faculty evaluations conducted by other colleges and universities across the nation.

### *Survey Results Released*

Mrs. Lucy Young, Director of Women, has released the following tabulations of the recently taken survey in reference to adjacent men and women residence halls:

**Would you prefer some males living in a dorm on the women's side of campus and some females occupying a dorm on the men's side of campus?**

| | Male | Female | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Would prefer | 141 | 98 | 239 |
| Would not prefer | 12 | 10 | 22 |
| Not sure | 14 | 19 | 33 |

**Express your preference in relation to Residence Hall selection.**

| | Male | Female | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Prefer present location | 87 | 27 | 114 |
| Prefer to move across campus | 13 | 67 | 80 |
| No objection to moving or have no preference | 65 | 33 | 98 |

It should be noted that approximately 50% of the female resident students (127 of 260) responded, whereas only 25% of the male resident students (167 of 650) responded to the questionnaire.

# The Lion Comments

## . . . An Interview with President Bowman

by David A. Bruno, Associate Editor

Father Marion Bowman has performed a great service to Saint Leo College not only this year as President, but in his many years with the College. One of his *fortes* has been his interest in the students. I have found that too many students really know very little about Fr. Marion.

For quite some time I had been wanting to speak with him personally and recently I did. We discussed quite a few subjects at length and his insight and sincerity is truly gratifying for any student to realize.

In reference to the new President-designate, Fr. Marion said he recognized it was not easy to pick one from so many, however Dr. Southard is a good educator, and he is a good man. He is certainly aware of the operation of an institution such as ours. "He meets people easily" and in this profession that is extremely important.

Fr. Marion said he found that this year the students at Saint Leo as a group "achieved maturity" and direction. They realized a purpose and developed their ambitions, he felt, since the great majority of them had taken to do something on an issue that to them at the time seemed most important.

The students of Saint Leo, he noted, showed that they have certain rights and they would be willing to fight for them. He added that with rights go responsibilities and the students should show a proper amount of responsibility to the college if they expect the college to recognize its responsibilities to the student reciprocally. Together both should have rights *and* responsibilities.

*Without the students there would be no College* is a worn-out cliche, but without the College, Fr. Marion pointed out, there would be no students.

In reviewing the year thus far, Fr. Marion was very encouraged by what he called "more active participation" of students. The vast majority have begun to show some enthusiasm.

In planning for the future, there are many needs in our College for a man of Fr. Bowman's caliber. But even he is uncertain how he will work with the new President.

He sees a need for necessary change. One such area he said he would like to see improvements in is the curriculum. "The entire curriculum should be reviewed" and changes made where necessary to "prepare our graduates for what they should be expecting in the future."

That is not to say that our past graduates have not been succesful. They have been well educated, he added, since they have realized that a college education is only a beginning and we must keep learning to keep pace with a changing world in these trying times.

Asked what he considered to be a necessity for a college president, he replied, "a good ability to communicate." It is essential to be able to speak with everyone encompassed, especially the students. They should feel welcome to be able to confer openly.

I could not help but consider his frankness and concern for the students. There are so many students I know at much larger schools who have never even seen the President of their College.

I personally understand his sincerity when he says everyone on this campus should feel that he is most interested in them. "I wish I had the time and the opportunity to speak with each one of them."

(If Father Marion spent as much time with every student as he did while I was talking with him this warm sunny morning, I thought, he'd be busy for quite a long time.)

It is indeed unfortunate that he has been so over-looked by the students—except when someone has a complaint.

But he said, "even listening to students' complaints has given me the opportunity to learn about the students, *and help them.*"

Truly a remarkable, understanding and wise man!

# Eighty-Five Percent Increase In College Enrollment

Columbus, Ohio-(I.P.) – In a new report on U.S. college and university enrollment trends, Dr. Ronald B. Thompson, executive dean for student statistical services at Ohio State University, forsees an approximate 85 per cent increase in overall enrollments in the next 12 years.

Thompson's conclusions are contained in a study conducted for the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers.

"While currently a little over 8,000,000 students are attending our colleges and universities in the United States," Thompson reported, "it is estimated that this number will increase to almost 14,000,000 by 1982, a rise of approximately 85 per cent in the next 12 years."

The trends are based upon the number of births in the U.S. and the number of these people going on to college. A peak in college entrance is expected in 1975 – 18 years after the peak birth year of 1957.

In the past 19 years the percentage of high school graduates going on to colleges and universities rose from approximately 43 per cent to 66 per cent, he said.

Thompson pointed out that although the trend has been consistent for 19 years, the most dramatic shift has occurred in the past 10 years. "Enrollments in higher education institutions in the United States have doubled in the past eight years and tripled in the past 15 years," he said.

# How Dangerous is Marijuana?

by Bill Tuson

Many are beginning to realize that marijuana, LSD, speed, mescaline, heroin, and other narcotics are destroying thousands of America's young people.

In the media, ABC radio and television commentator Paul Harvey presented a tape recorded voice of a 19 year old drug addict, who, after completing the tape for his parents, shot himself to death. The boy had started on the road to drug addiction with marijuana.

While the full record on the effects of marijuana is not in yet, and research is still continuing, Dr. Davis Wade, Texas state commissioner for mental health, has stated, "We are getting substantial research evidence to indicate that marijuana is causing brain damage. . . . There is organic cellular damage. . . . Persons who suffer such brain damage do not ever recover from it."

### Started in High School

Steve Clements, 21, tells about his experience with marijuana in this way, "I started smoking grass in high school. It was very simple. All my friends were smoking it and one of them asked me if I had and I told him 'No.' He asked me if I wanted to try it and I guess I must have said, 'Why not? Everybody else is doing it.'

"I smoked that first joint as sort of a gesture, looking for something in my life that seemed to be missing. . . . And then it seemed so easy to go on to the others—LSD, barbituates, mescaline, and other hallucinogenic drugs; but, thank God, no heroin."

Steve was arrested for a narcotics violation while he was a student at St. Petersburg here in Florida. Now off drugs completely and looking forward to parole and going back to college, he is one of the lucky ones.

His experience with drugs, starting with marijuana, points out the utter folly of the argument that marijuana should be legalized.

During the past year the sons of three prominent men in our country were arrested for possession of marijuana, a felony. The sons of Jesse Unruh (unsuccessful democratic gubernatorial candidate of California), Senator Alan Cranston (senior senator of California), and the foster son of Senator Edward Kennedy were tried and convicted and received suspended sentences. These are just three of so many similar cases concerning marijuana.

### Did They Lose Anything?

They lost the right to vote, the right to own a gun and the right to run for public office.

They lost the opportunity of ever being a licensed doctor, dentist, CPA, lawyer, engineer, architect, realtor, osteopath, physical therapist, private detective, pharmacist, school teacher, barber, funeral director, masseur or stock broker.

They can never get a job where they have to be bonded or licensed.

They can't work for the city, county or federal government.

They can enlist in the military service but they will not have a choice of service and will possibly be assigned to a labor battalion.

If this happened to you, would you think you had lost anything, maybe even your life, because of marijuana?


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# Lookout you don't get screwed

by André Lessard

Of course, this refers to when you turn your back or are not looking. Since this is supposedly a free country and this newspaper is supposed to be for free expression of thoughts, I decided it was about time I, as a concerned student of Saint Leo College, took a stand on a few issues confronting the Saint Leo students and let my views be known in an attempt to possibly enlighten a few uninterested people of our community who believe the world turns by itself, regardless of the actions of the inhabitants.

First of all, I would like to express my deep concern over the secretive policies undertaken by nearly all offices of this school. Not only are we, the students, not asked for opinions about the making of certain policies, but neither are we told about many of the things which do occur around here. From time to time a crisis will come up such as the one on visitation or the firing of a teacher and we are finally told of what is happening. However, for the most part, trying to find out what is going on around here is trying to perform an impossible mission. I am not implying that the Administration and the infamous Board of Trustees are not capable of coming to right decisions, but what I am saying is that if what they are doing is right, and they themselves think it is all right, then, for God's sake, why don't they let these things be known. I have nothing against a person I don't know; but when it comes to the hiring of a person who will determine the future direction of my school, I think it only democratic that I, or a representative of me, be given a direct voice in this choice. Then, maybe a man who will serve the needs of the whole community, as opposed to the whims of the administration, will be chosen. Why is it that we found out about the hiring of our new president only a few days before he was installed into office, and after the decision had already been made? Was someone afraid that there might be objections to the hiring of this man to this position? Who knows!

**NOTICE**

**All Letters to the Editor,** comments, editorials, etc. must be signed in FULL. At the request of the author, names may be withheld in publication. However, writers' signatures must remain on file. Any reader reserves the right to inquire the authenticity of anything appearing in this paper.

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As **The Lion** exists as "an open forum for the students of Saint Leo College," all students are entitled to utilize it provided that comment made is of general interest and presented in an intelligent and literary style. NOTE WELL: although the editors are immediately responsible for content, opinions expressed by individuals not on the staff are not necessarily agreeable with the opinions of the official editorial staff.

frankly speaking . . . . . by Phil Frank

Monday's recording of 4.58 inches of rainfall made things just a bit difficult here on the seventh green.

# Rescue Squad Works for Students

Too many students have mistaken impressions of one of the college's fine organizations, the Rescue Squad.

The Rescue Squad serves the students of the college and residents of the area in time of emergency needs.

They have been particularly concerned with first aid and emergency medical assistance. Last semester alone, the Rescue Squad responded to 80 calls for assistance. Sixty-one of these cases required transportation to the Dade City Jackson Memorial Hospital. In many cases, the injuries were so severe that a few seconds determined the fate of a life.

The 22 members receive no pay or rewards. All efforts are donated voluntarily by the young men and women on the Rescue Squad as a selfless social concern in its truest form.

Members are trained in First Aid in a course directed by Dennis De Domenico, President of the Squad. Other officers are Mark Donatoni, Captain; Janice Beucher, Treasurer; Margie Cannon Secretary; and Richard Anselmo, Sgt. at Arms.

A member of the Rescue Squad pointed out that the squad is independent. Each member contributes at least 24 hours each week, sometimes on calls or waiting, available in the office, for whatever may occur or taking charge of operating the switchboard all hours of the night.

It should be emphasized that the Rescue Squad acts independently of the Office of Security. The only funds the members have to work with for equipment and supplies are those that can be raised through campus activities.

*Contest this Saturday*

# I.C.C. Hopes to CAN Some Support

Everyone knows, it is obvious, what an aluminum can looks like. Have you seen any lately (last time you had a coke or a beer maybe)?

Don't throw your cans away. The Inter Club Council has started a contest to determine who can collect the most cans.

David A. Bruno, Chairman of the Inter Club Council Aluminum Can Collection Contest, recently announced the contest and some of the specifics of it.

It is sponsored by the I.C.C., but the proceeds from selling the used cans go to the Benedictine Boys Village, which Brother James manages. The Boys Village is that building on campus by the Abbey Church where six teenage boys are now living due to personal problems they have had at some time in their lives.

All clubs, fraternities and sororities are invited to contribute. According to Charles Eason, President of I.C.C., to be eligible to win, each group must register with the Director of Student Organizations. Anyone, however, can help and they will receive recognition.

In addition to the personal satisfaction of each organization and member who participates, there is a financial satisfaction for the group which contributes the most support for this cause by donating the most cans.

Cash prizes for first and second place sing $40 and $20 respectively. To cover the cost of the cash prizes, all participating organizations must pay a $5.00 registration fee.

Also, there is a great deal of pride in being a member of the group that proved itself better than the rest in some good honest competition.

Judges will be Brother James, the boys, officials of the I.C.C., officials from the College, and members of the Abbey. The contest is running through this week, with actual judging and announcing of winners Saturday, February 13th.

All organizations must deposit their collection of aluminum cans between 2 and 3 p.m. on Sunday, behind the premises of the Benedictine Boys Village.

## INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS SEEKING OFFICE WITHIN THE STUDENT COMMUNITY MAY 1971 – MAY 1972

**Qualifications for Student Government Offices:**

All candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00.

All candidates must be free of disciplinary and/or academic probation.

All candidates for the office of Student Body President and Vice President MUST be of Junior or Senior status beginning after April, 1971.

All candidates for the office of Secretary and Treasurer shall be students who have attained *at least* Sophomore status beginning after April, 1971.

**Qualifications for Class Officers and Senators, Day Student Representatives and Campus Court Justices:**

All candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00.

All candidates must be free of disciplinary and/or academic probation.

All candidates must be members of the class of which they are seeking office.

All candidates for Campus Court Justices must bear in mind the responsibilities entailed in their duties and their relationship to the Senate Judiciary Professional Standards Commission.

**Filing Petitions – All Offices**

Students can obtain a petition for a student office in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs. Mrs. Nadine Fowler will give you the petition and clear you for any academic and/or disciplinary censures. Your petition will then be stamped as an approved candidate for an office. The following number of signatures is required if you are seeking an office.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
(Student Body Officers) . . . . . **100 signatures
PRESENT JUNIOR CLASS . . . . . 21 signatures
PRESENT SOPHOMORE CLASS . . . . . 25 signatures
PRESENT FRESHMAN CLASS . . . . . 40 signatures
DAY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES . . . . . 20 signatures
CAMPUS COURT JUSTICES . Concurrent with class enrollment, e.g., Senior Justice Candidates–21 signatures

**reflects ten (10) per cent of class or student body enrollment

**Elected Positions Within the Student Community of Saint Leo College**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.

SENIOR, JUNIOR AND SOPHOMORE CLASSES (beginning in September 1971) – Each shall have a: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Male Senator, Female Senator.

DAY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – One Representative to Senate and Executive Board inclusive.

CAMPUS COURT JUSTICES – Four Senior Justices, Three Junior Justices, Three Sophomore Justices, Three Freshman Justices (elected in September 1971).

**Who Votes?**

All students will vote for the Student Body Officers.

Present Juniors will vote for the Senior Class Officers, CLASS OF 1972.

Present Sophomores will vote for the Junior Class Officers, CLASS OF 1973.

Present Freshmen will vote for the Sophomore Class Officers, CLASS OF 1974.

Present Juniors will vote for Senior, Court Justices.**

Present Sophomores will vote for Junior, Court Justices.**

Present Freshmen will vote for Sophomore, Court Justices.**

**–Campus Court

**Dates to Remember**

February 22, 1971 . . . . . Petitions available in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.
February 26, 1971 . . . . . Petitions *must* be in by 11:00 a.m. in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.
March 9, 1971 . . . . . Campaign Speeches – LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED IN *DAILY SAY-SO*.
March 10, 1971 . . . . . Election Day
March 11, 1971 . . . . . Election Day (if needed)
April 6, 1971 . . . . . Inauguration of Student Body Officers
May 1, 1971 . . . . . Official Term of Office begins.

ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – To be announced.

**Rules and Regulations for Elections**

1. No candidate for office can serve on the Committee for Appointments and Elections.
2. No candidate for office can begin campaigning for office until his petition is approved, cleared and signed by the required amount of students.
3. All campaign posters must be down within twelve hours after the final results have been posted. Any candidate violating this will be seriously fined.
4. Any student maliciously tearing down, destroying or otherwise damaging campaign posters or election material shall be subject to a serious fine.
5. There shall be NO posters within fifty feet of the Polling Place nor soliciting of votes within fifty feet of the Polling Place.
6. An Official Preliminary Ballot will be posted as soon as the petitions are in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs. Any corrections to this ballot MUST be done immediately since VOTING MACHINES WILL BE USED FOR THIS ELECTION.

Angelo J. Zingales, President
James M. O'Coin, Vice President

# News Briefs

Homecoming is not taken lightly at any college. Saint Leo does not have a large supply of alumni close at hand, so our homecomings have been mostly nominal. This year, homecoming was well attended by students, and showed some good support from the alumni who were able to attend. An outdoor buffet disappeared, a close basketball game was fought and won, pep was rallied, excitement was in the air of the gym, Roberta Milici from West Haven, Connecticut, was elected and named homecoming queen, a band provided an outside dance, alumni took another look at Saint Leo (through different eyes this time), students met and talked with those who were here before we were, and some even left knowing a little more about each other. A senior asked, "Am I gonna have to go to work some day, too?"

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Saint Leo has been working for the past year on a **Polish Studies Center.** It opens this Saturday at 10 a.m. It is dedicated in honor of Father Jerome Wisniewski, O.S.B. Some of the students, one publicly last Tuesday, mentioned the idea of the College expanding its language department to include Italian also. Perhaps we can have an Italian Studies Center some time soon.

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Brother Bernard has brought it to our attention that he is currently sponsoring an exhibit of his own personal art. Brother Bernard is one of the finest photographers in Florida. Go on down to the Commercial Bank of Dade City and take a look at his work.

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Our congratulations to the winners of the Florida State Fair Baton Twirling Contest held last weekend in the Rev. Marion Bowman Activities Center. There were more than 600 contestants competing plus their parents, friends, spectators and the judges, assembled in what was billed "one of the largest, finest auditoriums in Florida."

# SPORTS

## *Monarchs Upset Bethune Cookman, Florida Southern*

by Dave Schulte

The Monarchs in their last five games have been putting on quite a show for fans both home and away. In addition to upsetting highly favored Bethune-Cookman 83-80 and Florida Southern 65-63, last week, Saint Leo has also pulled out close games from Tampa, 71-70, and Florida Tech, 64-62. The only loss came against Southeastern Louisiana, 65-62, in the last minute of play.

In all of the games the Monarchs have been playing without the services of 6'7" senior Captain Greg O'Connell who is out with a wrenched knee. These last five games have been decided in the last minute of play with very few points separating the teams.

Against Florida Southern in Lakeland, the Monarchs were down 28 to 14 with 8 minutes left in the half. A last ditch rally which outscored the Mocs 21 to 1 left the score at halftime 35 to 29 in favor of Saint Leo. In the second half the Monarchs were up by seven until late in the game when Mike O'Brien fouled out with 6:17 left. The margin was chopped to a 4 point lead and only crucial baskets by Kevin Connors and Pete Doyle provided the final margin of victory.

Against the tall Bethune-Cookman Wildcats from Daytona Beach, Florida, the Monarchs rallied in the first half and held a 42 to 33 halftime lead. But turnovers and fouls in the second half reduced the lead to 3 points. This remained until Mike O'Brien hit a key basket with 2 minutes left and Coach Norm Kaye's stall tactic gave the Monarchs a thrilling 83-80 Homecoming victory.

One can only wonder what would have been the outcome of these games if the Monarchs had O'Connell. Against Southern, the Monarchs had never beaten them in the four year history of basketball played between the schools. For Bethune the Monarchs had lost three out of the last four games played.

The Monarchs stand 7 and 2 on the home court while they are 5 and 4 away. They have won 6 games in a row from Florida opponents and they are 6 and 4 against out of state teams.

Mike O'Brien continues to lead the team in scoring with a 31.8 scoring average which is fourth in the nation among small colleges. He is also averaging 15 rebounds in a game. Steve Smith is averaging 9.1 points a game and Kevin Connors is averaging 8.2 points per game.

With the loss of O'Connell, the Monarchs have won five and lost one and are averaging 77.8 points per game. The opponents average 76.1 points a game and the Monarchs out-rebound and out-assist every opponent. Filling in for the injured O'Connell is 6'2" sophomore Al Hengesbach from Hastings, Michigan, and 6'5" senior Pete Doyle from Chicago, Illinois.

The Monarchs are currently 13 and 6 for the season with home games against Florida A&M, Palm Beach Atlantic, Bethune-Cookman, and Florida Tech. Saint Leo ends the season at Pensacola, Florida, against the University of West Florida on February 27.

# Mike O'Brien, Future Star

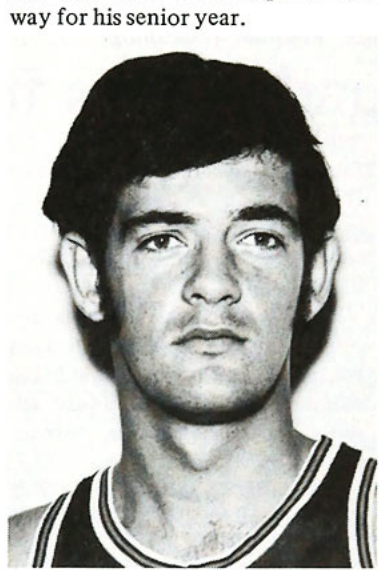
by Dave Schulte

*Tall*—Large or formidable in amount, extent or degree. *Agile*—readily able to move quickly and easily. Both definitions from Webster's Seventh Collegiate Dictionary fit Mike O'Brien to the letter. The senior forward from Chicago, Illinois, is 6 feet, 8 inches in height, weighs 247 pounds and has the moves of a sleek six foot guard. For a forward these two attributes are in high demand in Pro Basketball.

Graduating from St. Rita High School in Chicago in 1967, Mike came to St. Leo to play basketball and that he has done for four years. In his freshman year he shot 60 per cent from the floor and averaged 11.6 points per game. That year he was raw talent playing with no polished touch of a professional. Coaches raved at the tall skinny kid who had the potential of becoming a great college basketball player. During that initial year he improved tremendously in his overall basketball game. He learned how to block out players when going for a rebound, when to and not to throw elbows in a game, when to drive the baseline, when to shoot the 20 foot jump shot, and how to react in game situations and what actual game pressure was.

During his 1968-69 season, Mike moved to his natural position of forward and helped to key a talented and explosive St. Leo offense that won 16 of 23 games that year. His 24 points helped to upset Fairfield University in a tight game. That year he led the team in both scoring with a 19.7 average and rebounding with 203 in 21 games.

As each year went by, Mike kept on improving his game in every department. As a junior in 1969, he once again led the team in scoring with a 22.1 average and continued to be the big man on the Monarch offense. He teamed with Greg O'Connell to produce a big explosive front line that kept opponents on their guard. Winning 14 and losing 10 that year Mike was the most steady and consistent player when the Monarchs lost seven of their first nine. But the team got back on the track and won 12 of their last 15 with Mike leading the way. The upset of Bellarmine College put the finishing touches on a good season for St. Leo and Mike O'Brien paved the way for his senior year.



Mike O'Brien, Pro Prospect

First St. Leo took a trip to Texas where they lost to Lamar Tech 100-70 and upset North Texas State 53-47. Then on Dec. 11, 1970, the Monarchs came home to play Lander College of South Carolina in the just completed Marion Bowman Activities Center. Before a packed house the Monarchs roared to a 101 to 83 victory with Mike O'Brien getting 51 points. Hitting on 20 of 26 from the floor and 11 of 15 from the line, Mike set a record for most points by a player in a game. This was the top for Mike O'Brien as all the years of work and suffering had finally paid off.

After this great game, Mike continued to play excellent basketball and have a keen scoring eye. He upped his average to 30.4 for third in the nation among small colleges. He put in 49 against Palm Beach, 39 against Rollins, 37 against MacMurray, 34 against Texas Wesleyan, 31 against Tampa and 28 against Aquinas College.

As Mike went, so went the Monarchs, as they won five out of seven at one stretch. Mike continued to lead the team in rebounding with a 13.5 average and also had 4 assists in a game. Against Lander College, he pulled down a season record of 18 rebounds. Percentage-wise Mike is shooting 50 per cent from the floor and 80 per cent from the free throw line. As of January 24, the Monarchs had won 9 and lost 5. Mike continued to lead the team as Greg O'Connell was out on an injury.

During his last season at St. Leo, Mike is in the process of setting a whole host of records. Included are best single season and career scoring average, and most points in a game, season and career. His ambition is to play Pro-basketball and as he stands now some ABA team will draft him. Numerous scouts have raved at his performances and for Mike O'Brien this is the top.

# Organizational News

**Inter Fraternity Council**

Last month the I.F.C. held elections for new officers. John View was elected President, John O'Neil Vice President, and Mike Tenore Treasurer.

The Greeks are happy to announce that *Cactus* will play at the Greek Weekend Concert, March 5th. Watch this column for more news on Greek Weekend.

The frats are in the midst of a tight basketball season. They play every Sunday and Wednesday night. Come on out and watch a good game with a lot of laughs.

**Alpha Sigma Chi**

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Chi are proud to announce the induction of their pledge class. They are: Carmen Santoro, Dennis McCarthy, Rick Ammean, John Pelicci, Dick Jennison, Sal Mucario, Mike Marino, Frank Bonfili, Jack McAuliffe, Bill Cuff, Jay Mercatante, George Collins, Vinny Biggane, Jim Mullagane, Bob Spinella and Dan Settles.

**Phi Theta Chi**

The brothers of Phi Theta Chi would like to extend a belated welcome to the students of Saint Leo College.

The brothers are proud of a certain member who has been trying to make it for the last eight years and is now president of the I.F.C., John "Stubby" View. John, being presently unemployed except for a small coaching job with the Stompers, has now gone to the top.

**Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus has recently initiated new programs and is now arranging dates for confering degrees upon its members. The degrees for the Knights run from first, or introductory; to third, which constitutes full participating membership in the Knights.

# Sr. Lucy to Appear on TV

Sister Lucy Faciane, O.S.B., Dean of Student Affairs, will appear on *To Tell the Truth*, Monday, February 15. The broadcast is scheduled to be shown at 5 p.m. on Channel 8, WFLA-Tampa.

Sister Lucy, who filmed the show in New York City over the past summer, appears as the guest of MC Gary Moore and the standing panel of one of TV's most long-lived game shows.

Sister Lucy qualified for the show on the basis that she is the only nun in the world who is also mayor of a town. She is the Mayor of the Town of Saint Leo.

So, all you loyal fans of OUR FAVORITE NUN, tune in and turn on by watching whether or not Sister Lucy suceeds in stumping the panel!

## *Stage Set for Monarch Baseball*

by Greg Steltner

For the past month, the temperature in the New England area has been averaging in the mid 20's and baseball is the farthest thing from the minds of people there. This is Florida, however, and baseball is certainly not far from the minds of Coach Meyer and his very promising baseball team. With the season only fifteen days away, the Monarchs are practicing daily as they have been since early January.

Meyer's eyes tend to twinkle when he is asked about his squad and he certainly has the right to be optimistic. Although the team lost All-American Mark Monnerat and very reliable outfielder Mark Plisko via graduation route, Meyer has filled the vacant spaces with more than a handful of promising newcomers. If you add these newcomers to the fifteen veterans returning, it should equal success. All in all, the Monarchs lost two starters from last year's team, which finished 19-10 and was ranked 11th in the nation's final small-college division poll.

Meyer certainly realizes that he can't rest on last season's laurels and is out to prove that there is much room for improvement. It is, however, easy to notice that Meyer is not making things easy for himself with the season's schedule he has acquired for his team. Teams like Florida State, University of Penn., Vanderbilt, Bowling Green, Austin Peay University and St. Louis University dot the schedule. Florida State was runner-up in NCAA tourney last spring and Austin Peay University was nothing less than NAIA champion.

Can the Monarchs combat the invasion? Well, Bill Meyer seems to be pretty confident.

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